

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

*Sub D5* ~~12. (Twice Amended) An image reading method comprising:~~  
performing a first scan of an image and generating first image data;  
performing a second scan of the image and generating second image data;  
generating a correction condition by processing the first image data and the second image data; and  
applying the correction condition to the second image data,  
wherein the first scan is performed at a first resolution and the second scan is performed at a second resolution, and  
wherein the step of generating the correction condition includes  
analyzing the first image data and generating a first image characteristic value;  
analyzing the second image data and generating a second image characteristic value;  
comparing the first image characteristic value and the second image characteristic value; and  
generating the correction condition such that the first image characteristic value matches the second image characteristic value.